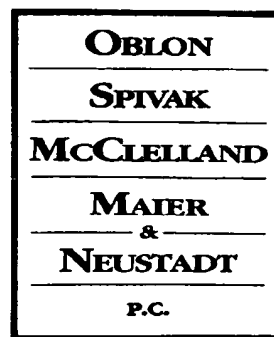


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Attn: Frank Lebron
Refund Department

Re: Deposit Account #150030

Dear Mr. Lebron

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of February, 2005. Please review the highlighted charge on Serial Number 10/524,838 in the amount of \$100.00 on fee code #1633.

In accordance with the rule change of February 1, 2005, Title 37 CFR Part 1, Section 1.492 (copy attached), "the search fee for an international application entering the national stage ... is \$400.00 ..." Therefore the \$400.00 search fee (not the old fee of \$500.00) is correct and a refund should be issued for the extra \$100.00 charged on our deposit account.

Please review this application and kindly refund \$100.00 to deposit account #150030. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Noel at (703) 412-6296. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra J. Noel".

Debra J. Noel
Accounting Department

Refund Ref:
05/16/2005 0030021946

Enclosures

Credit Card Refund Total: \$100.00

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